



## Gallatin County Fairgrounds Events Park

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## AAUW Used Book Sale



The Bozeman branch of AAUW (American Association of University Women) will hold their annual used book sale at the Fairgrounds, Exhibit Building 3, on Saturday, September 19 (9:00 to 5:00) and Sunday, Sept. 20 (10:00 to 3:00). AAUW, a national organization whose mission is to promote women's equity through advocacy, education, and research, has hosted book sales in Bozeman for more than

50 years. At this year's sale, you will find bargains galore among the new and gently used books, CDs, DVDs, videos, and records. Proceeds of the sale will be used to fund national educational research and **women's scholarships**, MSU scholarships for local women, and community programs for women and girls. Come Saturday for the best selection; come Sunday for the best prices.

Donations for the sale will be accepted until Wednesday, September

16. You may drop off donations at the Oak Street Natural Market or at the South 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue branch of First Security Bank of Bozeman. If you have more than a full box, please call 579-3088, 599-4670, or 388-4275 for a home pickup. Thanks for your support!

For more information about AAUW, see our website at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).



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### DEMOLITION DERBY

September 26  
12m - 5pm  
Outdoor Arena



For more information, rules, regulations and entry form call

Mark Figgins  
at 539-5680

### TAP TOOL SALE



September 13  
11am - 7pm  
Building #3

### YOUTH DANCE

September 11  
9pm - 12am  
Building #3  
Admission \$6

### ANTIQUES & ANTIQUE FURNITURE AUCTION

September 12  
10am - 3pm  
Building #2



[www.mtpremier.com](http://www.mtpremier.com)  
or contact Zane Burns  
406-570-3456

### "HURRY ... HURRY"

ONLY 2 LEFT  
Saturday, September  
5th & 12th

**Farmer's**  Market only has two more Saturdays in September here at the Fairgrounds! Make sure to stop by and purchase your fresh vegetables, baked goods and homemade crafts for sale one last time!

## Chamberlin Productions Presents ClintonFest & Gov't Mule

On September 5, The Clintons will hold the third annual



**"ClintonFest Music Festival" at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds (Exhibit Building #1) in Bozeman, Montana. Featuring Helena's Good-night Sunrise, Danny Donutz Ft Sammy Swiss and Dustin Tucker. It's an all ages show. Tickets are \$10 advance and \$12 at the door. Doors open at 5:00p.m. Proceeds go to the Montana State Elks Music Scholarship Fund. Visit [www.clintonfest.com](http://www.clintonfest.com) for more information.**

**Gov't Mule will be at the Fairgrounds September 10 in the Indoor Arena with special guest Carney. Kick-**



ing incredible tunes through soulful southern blues and rock melodies, the Mule has seen its share of loss **and diversity due to Woody's death** in 2000. The band has worked with Flea of Red Hot Chili Peppers fame as well as funk heavyweight Bootsy Collins. Look forward to an evening of powerful and inspired lyrics floating on the wave of soulful rock that will do more than it can to be remembered and leave its high watermark on your ears. Doors open at 5:00p.m. Tickets are \$35.

Chamberlin Productions is moving forward using coercion of students, volunteers, businesses and artists to further the community in appreciation and involvement with the arts. Yearly growth of each event in scope and audience is geared to empower the involved artistic community and ex-

pose live entertainment to a previously uninvolved population. We hope to bring music and expression to a new level by building interest and continually reintegrating new concepts into our arsenal. This arsenal will serve well as we descend upon the world like platinum-fisted pterodactyls, dropping artistic carpet-bombs carrying the seed of expression and social conglomeration. We shall continue crushing underfoot the banality of average events, flying high the mighty banner of unconventional creativity and blasting our mighty war horns across the battlefields of entertainment.

Tickets available at Cactus Records, Murdoch's and online at [www.chamberlinproductions.com](http://www.chamberlinproductions.com).

## Harvest Classic Open Horse Show

September 5 and 6 come on down to the Gallatin County Fairgrounds outdoor arena for the Harvest Classic Blue Ribbon Open Horse Show sponsored by the Southern Montana Arabian Horse Association and approved by the Montana State Horse Show Association. Show is open to ALL breeds.

Classes will be offered in halter, trail, western, English, driving, reining and discipline. Any 4-H member with a current 4-H I.D. card at time of entry, can enter at \$5 per class.

Event is open to the public and free of charge. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

For more information on classes, schedule and fees, visit [www.harvestclassichorshow.com](http://www.harvestclassichorshow.com) or [www.mhsa.org](http://www.mhsa.org). You can also contact Cheri Clark at 406-581-0232.



## Demolition Derby Scheduled at Fairgrounds



The Bozeman Jaycees 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Demolition Derby is on September 26, 2009 at the Fairgrounds outdoor arena. This is the Bozeman Jaycees main fundraiser for the year.

The purse this year for the main event is \$3,500 and the purse for the Herby Derby is \$1,100. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and the Derby starts at 12 p.m. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Full concessions will be available. Please call Mark Figgins at 539-5680 for more information

Registration is \$60 for each car and rules and registration forms are available at [www.Bozemanjaycees.org](http://www.Bozemanjaycees.org).

## SEPTEMBER Schedule of Events *(subject to change)*

Sept 3	Gallatin County Weed Board Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	1:15pm - 3pm	Fairgrounds Office
Sept 4	Fairgrounds Foundation Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	6:30am - 8am	Holiday Inn
Sept 5	<b>Farmer's Market</b> ClintonFest - Chamberlin Productions	9am - 12pm 5pm - 12am	Haynes Pavilion Bldg #1
Sept 5 & 6	Southern MT Arabian Horse Association Harvest Classic Open Horse Show	9am - 5pm	Outdoor Arena
Sept 7	CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY		
Sept 10	<b>Gov't Mule Concert</b> - Chamberlin Productions Fair Planning Committee Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	5pm - 11pm 5:30pm - 7:30pm	Indoor Arena Fairgrounds Office
Sept 11	Youth Dance by House Productions <i>(Admission \$6)</i> Universal Athletics Warehouse Sale Preview of Antiques & Antique Furniture Auction	9pm - 12am 9am - 9pm 10am - 4pm	Bldg #3 Bldg #1 Bldg #2
Sept 12	<b>Farmer's Market</b> <i>(last one till next year)</i> Antiques & Antique Furniture Auction by Premier Auctions Universal Athletics Warehouse Sale Top Truck Challenge - Mountaineers 4x4 Club <i>(Admission \$5 ... 10 yrs. &amp; under free)</i>	9am - 12pm 8am - 3pm 9am - 6pm 10am - 5pm	Haynes Pavilion Bldg #2 Bldg #1 Motor Sports Arena
Sept 13	Tool Sale - TAP Enterprises Universal Athletics Warehouse Sale	11am - 7pm 10am - 5pm	Bldg #3 Bldg #1
Sept 15	Fair Board Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Fairgrounds Office
Sept 17	Jimmie VanZant Band of Lynard Skynard Concert	7pm - 10:30pm	Bldg #2
Sept 19	AGR House TestyFest <i>(Admission \$7 advance / \$10 at door)</i> <b>American Assoc. of University Women's Book Sale</b> Bridger Mountain High School Rodeo <i>(Admission \$5 ... 10 yrs. &amp; under free)</i>	7pm - 11:30pm 9am - 5pm 9am - 5pm	Haynes Pavilion Bldg #3 Outdoor Arena
Sept 20	<b>American Assoc. of University Women's Book Sale</b> Bridger Mountain High School Rodeo <i>(Admission \$5 ... 10 yrs. &amp; under free)</i>	10am - 3pm 9am - 5pm	Bldg #3 Outdoor Arena
Sept 24	WinterFest Committee Meeting <i>(Public is welcome to attend)</i>	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Fairgrounds Office
Sept 26	Bozeman Jaycees Demolition Derby <i>(Admission \$10 adult / \$5 13 yrs. - 17 yrs. / 12 yrs &amp; under free)</i>	12pm - 5pm	Outdoor Arena

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## Marketing Minute - XL Country

Summer has seemed to fly by and here at the Fairgrounds we have seen many great activities come in and out of our gates. From concerts, Farmers Market, horse and dog shows and of course the Gallatin County Fair, we had fantastic turnouts and we are excited for all the entertaining events coming up in the next few months.

With all of the great events coming in and out of our gates, we could not have had the success in numbers that we have seen without a key sponsor, GapWest Broadcasting has been an integral part of the Fairgrounds team for several years. Not only is XL country Fair but everyone at GapWest does a phenomenal job of getting the word out about all activities held at the Fair.



XL Country. The Gang at XL Country and integral part of the Fairgrounds team for the “Official Voice” of the Gallatin County

phenomenal job of getting the word out about all activities held at the Fair. This enthusiastic supporter of the Fairgrounds and the Gallatin County Fair helps make the success of the events held on the ground, possible. XL Country and GapWest create an exciting and fun filled atmosphere not only on the air, but at the various events they are involved in. We are lucky to have XL Country and GapWest broadcasting on board. Don't forget to check out all the great activities coming up by visiting the [www.xlcountry.com](http://www.xlcountry.com) and join in on the XL Country fun!

*Jaime Cargill  
Marketing Manager*

The poster features a bright orange and yellow sunburst background. At the top is the Universal Athletic logo, a stylized 'UA' inside a square. Below it, the text 'UNIVERSAL ATHLETIC' is written in a bold, sans-serif font. The main headline reads 'BONANZA WAREHOUSE SALE' in large, bold, red letters. Below this, the dates 'SEPTEMBER 11 - 13' are displayed in a bold, black font. Underneath the dates, the hours are listed: 'FRI. 9AM-9PM • SAT. 9AM-6PM • SUN. 10AM-5PM'. A line of text states 'Over 2500 pairs of shoes.' Below this is a row of brand logos: Adidas, Asics, Brooks, Under Armour, Nike, and Saucony. Further down, the text lists categories: 'BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, SOCCER, BASKETBALL, RUNNING, CROSS TRAINING, TRACK' and 'MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND KID'S APPAREL'. The bottom section features 'UP TO 90% OFF' in large, bold, red letters, followed by 'GALLATIN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS BUILDING #1' and the website 'UNIVERSALATHLETIC.COM'.

### **You Need'em ... We Got'em Shoes ...Shoes ... Shoes!!!!!!**

Over 2500 pairs of shoes!!!! Men's, women's and kids. Shoes for running, cross training, basketball, football, soccer, sandals and more! All drastically reduced to fit your recessionary budget, wants and needs. Come check'em out.

Men's, women's and kids apparel from popular brand names like Under Armour, Nike, Adidas, Columbia and more up to 90% off!

The famous “BUCK BOXES” are overflowing with values for just \$1!

You need it ... We got it at the Universal Athletic Bonanza Warehouse Sale, Exhibit Building #1 September 11, 12 and 13 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds on Tamarack Street behind County Market.



## FairEver Yours ...

A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THE GREAT FAIR! THANKS to our business partners for their investments in the Fair. THANKS to the volunteers who donate countless hours of their valuable time to help organize the various areas and events. THANKS to the Fairgrounds staff that takes pride in the Fair and gets the grounds, facilities, events and contests ready. THANKS to the Fair Board members who contribute their time and expertise to improve the Fairgrounds and the Fair. THANKS to the County Commissioners who are supportive and insure that the community has a Fairgrounds and a County Fair. THANKS to the Fairgrounds Foundation for their insight and commitment to the future of the Fairgrounds. Last, but definitely not the least, THANKS to the Community for attending and sharing the Fair with us.

Along with my thanks to everyone, I am going to share a bit of information about the management of the Fairgrounds. As most everyone knows, the Fairgrounds is owned by Gallatin County and the County Commissioners have authority over the operation of the grounds and the Fair. By state law, they may give that authority to a Fair Board appointed by the County Commission. In Gallatin County and most other counties in the state, that is what has happened. Our Commissioners have appointed a seven person Board. Anyone wishing to serve on the Board must complete an application and turn it in to the County Commissioners. When there is a vacancy on the Board, the County Commissioners will appoint someone to fill that position. The terms are two years and Board members may reapply to serve multiple terms. The Fair Board acts as a policy making Board in our County. In some

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counties they act as an advisory Board. The Fair Board hires a Fairgrounds/Fair Manager (that's me) who answers to the Board. The Manager is then responsible to hire and supervise any additional staff. This month I will introduce you to our Fair Board and next month, you will meet our staff.

Bob Brekke has served as the Chairman of the Board for the past three years. He has been a Board member for nine years. Bob is the Farm Manager at MSU and owns and operates his own cattle ranch. He recently retired as an officer from the Army Reserves and while serving on the Board was deployed to the mid-east. Bob and his family owned and operated Montana Motor Supply for about 50 years on Main Street in downtown Bozeman. Bob brings his agriculture and business background to the Fair Board. Bob and his family spend many hours here. His son is involved in the 4-H Horse Project and barrel racing with SMBRA on Monday nights. He and his wife attend many of the events held at the Fairgrounds throughout the year. Bob stops by to just check in and see "what's going on". He is truly interested and cares about the Fairgrounds. As the Chairman, Bob is a member of ALL the committees and he does his best to attend all the meetings. He contributes his time, energy and his expertise to seeing the Fairgrounds improve and grow.

Chris Budeski is the Vice Chairman of the Board and has served on the Board since January 2005. Chris began his involvement with the Fairgrounds as a Gallatin Fairgrounds Foundation Board member and then applied for and was appointed to serve on the Fair Board. Chris is the owner and key professional of Madison Engineering here in Bozeman. Chris and his family are involved in many community activities and yet he finds the time to serve on the Board. Chris is currently running for a seat on the City Commission. He brings to the Board his engineering background and his knowledge of the community. He serves on several of the Board committees and donates many hours of his time to making the Fairgrounds the best that it can be.

Dennis Farnham has served on the Board since June of 2006. Dennis had prior Fair experience as he and his wife Kathy, were actively involved in the planning, setup and security of the Canyon County Frontier Days Fair for 15 years prior to moving to Montana. Dennis was a business owner and also served as a police officer for the Los Angeles Police Department for 25 years. Dennis' past experience as a businessman, law enforcement officer and also his community service work have provided him with invaluable experiences that he generously shares with the Fair Board. Dennis also serves on many of the Fair Board's committees and very rarely misses a meeting. During the week of the 2009 Fair, Dennis volunteered over 100 hours of his time. He is an extremely active Fair Board member and when something is needed he is there with an idea, a time commitment or suggestions.

Chuck Busta has been on the Board since January 2007 and in that time has had significant positive impacts. Chuck is an engineer with Northwestern Energy and has offered many suggestions on saving energy and money. **Chuck's creativity, common sense and intelligence have all been very beneficial to the Board and the Fairgrounds.** He listens, he considers, he uses past experience and looks at future possibilities before making decisions or recommendations. He very rarely misses Board or committee meetings, even when they are at 6:30am. Chuck's work and social experiences contribute to the diversity of the Board. He has lived and raised kids in our community, but has lived in other communities and travels extensively. He brings energy to the Board (just had to get that pun in).

## FairEver Yours ... cont'd

Linda Warner was appointed to the Board in February of 2008 to serve out the term of a member who resigned because of family commitments. Her first term will expire in December of 2009. Linda and her two children have been involved at the Fairgrounds since the Haynes Pavilion was constructed on the grounds. They are “ice people”. Linda’s son has played hockey for the past several years and her daughter was “really into” figure skating. Currently she has two hockey players as her daughter has now decided that she likes hockey too. Linda’s work with the Figure Skating Club has given her the experience of serving on boards. She also has experience in helping to fundraise for non-profit organizations. She has been involved with the Gallatin Ice Foundation and their endeavor to raise money for a second ice skating facility that would be year-round. Linda is an extremely dedicated Board member who is always willing to take on a project. This summer, she almost single-handedly painted the numbers on the grandstand seats – over 2000 of them. She had some help from her kids and her sister, but she did most of the work herself. If she says she will do something, she gets it done!

Jeff Wade has been on the Board since January of 2009. Jeff is a Detective Lieutenant with the Gallatin County Sheriff’s Office. **Jeff has many talents and skills that he brings to the Fair Board. He has taken on the HUGE task of rewriting the Fairgrounds Policy Manual.** This alone may take him two or three terms considering the changes taking place at the Fairgrounds. He has been an asset when it comes to security issues for Fairgrounds events and the County Fair. Jeff is a quiet individual who thinks things through before jumping to any conclusions and that is so valuable in a Board setting. Jeff is familiar with the Fairgrounds as he has attended events and, as a law enforcement officer, worked at events held on the grounds. He knows the community and he has been very willing to jump right in and get involved in a big way. Jeff serves on several committees and always takes an active role. He has very strong leadership skills and the ability to look forward to see end results of the decisions that the Board is making now.

Vickie Johnson is our newest Board member. She was appointed on August 26, 2009 to complete Misty Radue’s term. **I am so glad to see Vickie back at the Fairgrounds. When my 2 kids were in 4-H, so were Vickie’s.** We worked together on several 4-H horse events, including the State 4-H Horse Show when it was held at our Fairgrounds. As her children grew and her career changed (Vickie is currently a patrol officer with the Gallatin County Sheriff’s Office) **her presence at the Fairgrounds diminished. Her kids are now grown and she has more time again so thought she would like to be involved at the Fairgrounds again.** Vickie volunteered to help with parking, Open Class Needlework and Open Class Foods at the 2009 Fair. She handled all of her commitments **and always with a huge grin on her face. Vickie’s enthusiasm is contagious. Vickie is a “Doer”. She likes to be busy and she likes to see things happen.** I have no doubt that she will be busy making things happen at the Fairgrounds. She is genuinely excited about serving on the Board and I know the Board will be astounded at what she will bring with her. I had a County Commissioner tell me that he had never seen anyone as exuberant about being appointed to a County Board as Vickie was. Welcome, Vickie – to the Board and back to the Fairgrounds!

I believe the community is fortunate to have these dedicated folks serving on the Board. They hold the future of the Fairgrounds in their hands. They have kept the Fairgrounds moving forward, changing with demands being made. Each member contributes to the overall effectiveness of the Board. Many of the decisions that must be made are difficult and not always the most popular. Be assured that all of the members have the best interest of the Fairgrounds and those who own it (residents of Gallatin County) in mind. The diversity, energy and commitment of the Board are unique and positive. Good things happen when good people work together.

If you are interested in being part of the Fairgrounds team, contact our office or the office of the County Commissioners and complete a Board application. The meetings are always interesting and there are many new opportunities on the horizon. **It’s a great way to give back to your community.**

*FairEver Yours,  
Sue Shockley  
Fairgrounds Manager*